



# PREPROPOSAL STATEMENT OF INQUIRY

**CR-101 (June 2004)**  
(Implements RCW 34.05.310)  
Do **NOT** use for expedited rule making

**Agency:** Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

**Subject of possible rule making:** Changes to WDFW's Columbia River commercial salmon, coastal commercial salmon, and Puget Sound commercial salmon fishing rules, resulting from North of Falcon recommendations.

**Statutes authorizing the agency to adopt rules on this subject:** RCW 77.04.020, 77.12.045, and 77.12.047

**Reasons why rules on this subject may be needed and what they might accomplish:** Rules based on North of Falcon recommendations change from year to year to reflect resource availability and to achieve conservation goals.

**Identify other federal and state agencies that regulate this subject and the process coordinating the rule with these agencies:** NOAA Fisheries and the National Marine Fisheries Service. These agencies, as well as WDFW, the Pacific Fisheries Management Council, and the Pacific Salmon Commission, all provide input and/or take part in the North of Falcon meetings and recommendations.

**Process for developing new rule (check all that apply):**

- Negotiated rule making
- Pilot rule making
- Agency study
- Other (describe)

**How interested parties can participate in the decision to adopt the new rule and formulation of the proposed rule before publication:**

(List names, addresses, telephone, fax numbers, and e-mail of persons to contact; describe meetings, other exchanges of information, etc.)

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Contact by February 8, 2013. Expected proposal filing on or after February 20, 2013.

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